

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION - 37 CFR §1.63**  
**COMBINED WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. My citizenship, residence, and mailing address are as stated below, next to my name.
2. I believe that, I am the original and first inventor (if only one name is listed below), or that we are the original and first inventors (if plural names are listed below), of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought, on the invention entitled:

Low-Shrink Polypropylene Tape Fibers Comprising High Amounts Of Nucleating Agents,

the specification of which is:

\_\_\_\_\_ attached hereto.  
X was filed on November 2, 2002, as Serial No. 10/286,622.  
\_\_\_\_\_ and (if applicable) was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ and (if applicable) was amended under Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, and as amended by any amendment referred to above.
4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me which is material to the patentability of the application as defined in 37 CFR §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.
5. I hereby claim priority benefits under 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s) listed below.

Application Number	Filing Date

6. I hereby claim priority benefits under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Provisional Application Number	Filing Date

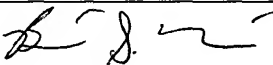
7. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under any of 35 USC §§119(a)-(d) and (f), 172, and 365(a)-(b), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or any international application designating at least one country other than the United States, as listed below, and I have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or any international applications

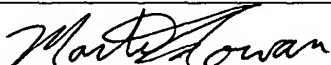
designating at least one country other than the United States, filed by me on the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the applications of which priority is claimed.

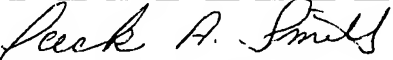
Prior Foreign Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date MM/DD/YYYY	Priority Claimed?	
			Yes	No

8. I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the Customer Number 25280 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. Please send all correspondence to, and direct all telephone inquiries to, Customer Number 25280.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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\_\_\_\_ Check here if there are additional pages with additional inventors (\_\_\_\_ inventors in total).

**ASSIGNMENT**

**WHEREAS I (if only one inventor is listed below)/WE (if more than one inventor is listed below)** have made certain invention(s) (hereinafter "Invention") described in the United States Patent Application entitled: Low-Shrink Polypropylene Tape Fibers Comprising High Amounts Of Nucleating Agents; (hereinafter, "Patent Application") which was:

— Executed concurrently herewith as Milliken & Company Case No. \_\_\_\_\_, and having received the serial number and filing date as set forth below (I/We hereby authorize and direct the attorneys for Milliken & Company to insert the serial number and filing date when that information becomes available):

Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Filing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

— Executed on the following dates for each inventor:

Inventor

Execution Date

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as Milliken & Company Case No. \_\_\_\_\_, and having received the serial number and filing date set forth below (I/WE hereby authorize and direct the attorneys for Milliken & Company to insert the serial number and filing date when that information becomes available):

Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Filing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

X Filed on **November 2, 2002**, and having received a serial number of **10/286,622**.

**WHEREAS, MILLIKEN & COMPANY**, a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with offices in Spartanburg, South Carolina, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under said Invention and the above-referenced Patent Application.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) paid in hand to ME (if only one inventor)/US (if more than one inventor), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/WE do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto **MILLIKEN & COMPANY**, its successors in interest and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under said Invention, throughout the world. These rights include, but are not limited to:

1. Right to apply for Letters Patent for the invention, or any portion thereof, in the United States (hereinafter referred to as "Domestic Applications");
2. Right to apply for Letters Patent or the legal equivalent for the Invention, or any portion thereof, in any country or countries foreign to the United States (hereinafter referred to as "International Applications"), including, but not limited to, the right to claim priority to any Domestic Application;
3. All rights in, to, and under the above-referenced Patent Application, including, but not limited to,
  - (i) Any continuations, divisionals, continuations-in-part, or any other applications claiming priority to the above-referenced Patent Application, and,
  - (ii) The right to file application(s) for Letters Patent or the legal equivalent thereof, in any country or countries foreign to the United States and claim priority to the above-referenced Patent Application; and
4. All rights in, to, and under any Letters Patent, or legal equivalent, including all reissues or extensions thereof, that may be issued or granted on such Domestic Applications, International Applications, or the Patent Application, and the rights granted thereunder.

**I/WE HEREBY** authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent and/or legal equivalents, as requested, for said Invention or portion of said Invention to, and vest all rights of ownership in, **MILLIKEN & COMPANY**, its successors in interest and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

Case No. 5514

AND I/WE HEREBY covenant that I/WE have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I/WE have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I/WE HEREBY further covenant that I/WE will communicate to Milliken & Company, its successors in interest and assigns, any facts known to ME/US respecting said Invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all and execute lawful papers (including any application, assignment, and/or power of attorney documents), make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid Milliken & Company, its successors in interest and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said Invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I/WE hereunto set our hands and seals on the date set forth below.

Jack A. Smith  
Name  
Jack A. Smith  
Signature  
1/16/03  
Date

BRIAN MORIN  
Name  
B. J. Morin  
Signature  
1/17/03  
Date

Martin E. Cowan  
Name  
Martin E. Cowan  
Signature  
01/17/03  
Date

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, on the date specified below personally appeared the individual specified adjacent hereto and known to me to be the same individual, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged that they executed same of their own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

Linda P. Jewell  
Notary Public  
Jan 16, 2003  
Date

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